

3 November 1958

MEMORANDUM FOR: Legislative Counsel

SUBJECT: Revision of Title 5 U. S. Code

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1. In line with the announced policy that individual members of OGC follow certain legislation, I attended a briefing at the Civil Service Commission on 30 October in company with [ ] and [ ] staff and [ ] Deputy Director of Personnel and five members of his staff.

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2. The briefing was conducted by Mr. Albion Taylor of CSC, Chairman of the Interdepartmental Committee which has been working on the revision pursuant to the master plan to restate the whole Code, fifteen sections of which have been completed. He stated that the purpose is not to change any law but to reorganize and pull it together in logical order. Where wording has been clarified by Court decision, it will be reworded to conform to that decision. It is planned to eliminate dead material and to restrict the new Title 5 as far as possible to personnel matters. Non-personnel matters will be placed in other sections as appropriate. Where there are scattered sections outside of Title 5 on any matter which pertains to personnel, such as, for example, conflict of interest, these sections will be cross referenced in Title 5. Mr. Taylor further stated that where there are special authorities such as are contained in legislation pertaining to AEC, TVA, and CIA, these will be merely handled by cross reference to the particular Act and no changes are contemplated in the individual acts.

3. The plan is to line up corresponding chapters of the U. S. Code; Code of Federal Regulations, Title 5, and the Federal Personnel Manual and various agency personnel manuals. For example, "Basic Personnel Concepts, Definitions" would be Title 21 of the Code, Title 21 of CFR's and Sec. 210 of the FPM. We could tie this into the personnel portion of our own regulatory system by making it [ ] Actually the majority of the time spent on the briefing related to CSC regulatory system.

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4. Mr. Taylor advised that he hoped to submit the bill to Congress in the spring but that it would be cleared with all Federal Departments and Agencies prior to that. As matters now stand, it appears that we have no cause for concern over the possibility of inroads being made in our special powers with respect to personnel.



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